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AZOV NAVIGATION OPENS -- Pravda, No 98, 8 Apr 49

Navigation has begun on the Azov Sea. The Diesel ship Krasnodon and the freight steamers Tolbukhin and Ishora were the first to arrive in the port of Zhukov. The Krasnodon began to unload Donets coal.

CASPIAN NAVIGATION BEGINS -- Morskoy Flot. No 26. 1 Apr 49

The first five tankers of the Kasptanker (Caspian Tanker) Steamship Line arrived at the Astrakhan Roadstead from Baku. The Diesel ships Stalin, Beriya, VEP(b), Lenin, and Komsintern delivered thousands of tons of tractor kerosene for the spring planting season.

KIRGIZ SHIP LINE FAILS TO MEET PLAN -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 27, 11 Feb 49

The Issyk-Kul' Steamship Line, which handles the water transport in Kirgizia, delivering goods to regions adjacent to Lake Issyk-Kul', failed to fulfill the 1948 plan for transport. Freight transport on Lake Issyk-Kul' is expected to increase annually from now on as a result of the completion of the Kant-Bybachi's Railroad.

LATVIAN SHIP CARRIES GOODS TO KAMCHATKA -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 45, 24 Feb 49

The steamship Kil'din will anchor at Kamchatka in April and May 1949, the first freighter to make the long voyage from the Baltic to the Pacific Ocean in 1949. The ship recently left Lepas on the Baltic and is proceeding via Copenhagen, Rouen, Gibraltar and the Indian Ocean to Kamchatka.

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Workers of the Latvian SSR are sending much valuable equipment and goods to Far East workers by this ship. The Latvian Electric Machinery Plant has sent new motors and electric instruments to Kamchatka fishermen in recent years. Riga enterprises have also been sending high-quality twine for fish nets, machines for the fish-canning industry, phonographs, rubber footwear, cloth, and other consumers' goods to the Far East.

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